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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

FOOTWEAR WITH PIVOTAL AND/OR ROTATABLE TONGUE

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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For: FOOTWEAR WITH PIVOTAL AND/OR ROTATABLE TONGUE

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

- ( X ) the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
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**FOOTWEAR WITH PIVOTAL AND/OR ROTATABLE TONGUE**

inventor(s) Raymond F. Tonkel  
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- (X) the specification filed herewith  
( X ) the application Serial No. 60/445,079  
( ) Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_

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